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H E Baron in his Description of Venice, gives a pleasant Account of the Election of the Doge of the Nicolotti. This Election was on St. Mark's Day, and the Doge, who was no more than the Chief of the Nicolotti, or Fishermen, who were the Electors, happen'd to be a Goldsmith or Waterman, belonging to the Noble Family of the Giustiniani. After the Election, he was conducted to the Audience of the Doge of Venice, dress'd in a Gown of red Sattin, and otherwise equipped like a Jack-pudding. He was preceded by a great Mob of Pipers, Hautboys and Fishermen. Just before him was carried a red Flag, with the Figure of St. Mark. The Doge receiv'd him, sitting on his Throne, and attended by the Council. The Compliment of the Doge of the Fishermen was made with great Gravity, and was answer'd by the Doge of the Republick in few Words. After which, he return'd in the same Order as he came. This sham Doge is Judge of the Fishermen, gives them Licence to fish, and takes Care that the City be well supplied with that Sort of Provision. 'Tis said, that this Office, which is for Life, is worth a Thousand Rixdollars per Annum.

In his Account of Rome, he observes the Dexterity of Cardinal Coscia in imposing on the Weakness of the late Pope Benedict XIII. Coscia was born of mean Parents in the Kingdom of Naples, and had for a long time a great Ascendant over Cardinal Ursini; who being rais'd to the Papal Dignity, bestow'd on him a Cardinal's Cap, preferred him to the greatest Offices of the State, as well as of the Church, and made him Archbishop of Benevento.

This Man govern'd with more Authority than had ever been used by any of the Pope's Nephews. Nothing was to be seen but Injustice and Simony. He converted every thing into Money, even the most sacred Things. Every Body complain'd, but in vain; for the Pope believed nothing. Even the Cardinals resented to his Holiness, the frequent Grievances that happen'd under his Administration; but he turn'd the deaf Ear to them, imputing their Remonstrances to Envy and Malice. In this Sentiment he was daily confirm'd by Coscia. They will accuse me of every thing that I will, said he to the Holy Father; but God is my Witness, that I discharge my Duty; perhaps too well; 'tis for this Reason that they hate and strive to blacken me. 'Tis even said, that the crafty Coscia frequently wept when he made his Defence to the Pope; which wrought so much on the Pope's good Nature, that he wept too.

The following Relation may be depended on as true, and is believed by all the People of Rome. Certain Cardinals represented to the Pope, that Coscia was not only guilty of innumerable Extortions, but that he led a very irregular Life, and diverted himself every Day with Ladies of Pleasure. The Pope said, he would enquire into the Matter and punish him, if he found any Truth in their Allegation. Accordingly, he tax'd him with it the very same Day; but Coscia was never at a Loss for Arguments to justify himself to his Holiness: He swore 'twas all Calumny and Detraction, he wept, he asserted his Innocence with a thousand Oaths, and desired the Pope to hear him in Confession. The Pope agreed to it, he said what he pleas'd, and his Holiness almost took him for a Saint. But Coscia having left the Pope should at last open his Eyes, caus'd a Letter to be deliver'd to him without a Name, by a Gentleman of the Bed-chamber, who was in his Interest. The Letter, which he himself had writ in a different Hand, was in short thus: 'Your Holiness being so prejudiced in favour of Cardinal Coscia, that you will give Credit to nothing that is said of his disorderly Life, this is to acquaint your Holiness, that the Cardinal will have a Mistress this very Evening in his Chamber at 9 o'Clock. Your Holiness may be an Eye-witness of the whole Intrigue, if you will please to take the Trouble to step thither and look

through the Key-hole.' The Pope sail'd not to come at the mentioned Time. But instead of seeing what he expected, he found the Cardinal on his Knees, as it were at his Devotions, with his Beads in one Hand, and a Crucifix in the other, which he kissed with much Veneration. The Pope finding him in this Posture, cry'd out to somebody who was with him, See that Holy Man! Would to God that all the Clergy were like him! Then entering into the crafty Cardinal's Apartment, Dear Coscia, said he, embracing him, they have accus'd you to me as the greatest of Sinners, and I was so weak as to think you guilty; I ask your Pardon, and I pray God to forgive me the Injury I have done you. He afterwards join'd with Coscia in reading the Litany of the holy Virgin; and he wanted no other Proof of his being a Saint. Thus the good Pope was impos'd on by the Hypocrisy of that crafty Deceiver. From that Time his Holiness was always encompass'd by the Creatures of Coscia, who deceived him in their Turns; which made Cardinal Buencampagno say, that he look'd upon his Holiness to be in the same Circumstances with the holy Sepulchre, which was in the Power of the Turks.

THAT it might not be said of the Baron that he had been at Rome, and had not seen the Pope, he obtained a Promise of Signior Aquaviva, the Majordomo, that he should have the Honour of paying his Respects to his Holiness, who was Clement XII. As soon as he appeared at the Door of the Pope's Apartment, Notice was given to his Holiness, who ordered him immediately to be admitted. He left his Hat and Sword at the Door, according to Custom. The Pope was sitting under a Canopy, in an Elbow Chair, ascend'd by three Steps, with his right Foot resting on a red Velvet Cushion. As he entered the Chamber he was bid to kneel; which he did, and, in that Posture, received the Pope's Blessing. He then rose up, and approached him within half the Length of the Chamber, where he knelt again, and received his Blessing the second Time. Coming up close to the Pope, he received his Blessing the third Time, on his Knees as before. The Blessings did not cost his Holiness much Trouble, being given by only making the Sign of the Cross. The Pope, who is eloquent and talkative, asked him many Questions, and recollected that he had known him when he was Cardinal. He was extreme kind, and the Baron had Reason to be satisfied with his Audience, as long as he asked no Favour of him. But as soon as he appeared to be a Petitioner, the Pope's Smiles were changed into Frowns, and he could easily perceive, that his Prefence began to cause some Uneasiness; but, as he was inform'd before-hand, that his Holiness was always uneasy on receiving Petitions, he went on, without omitting a Word of what he had design'd to say. In going out of the Chamber he went backward, kneeling in the Midst of the Room, and at the Door, as before.

AFTER describing the Person and Court of the Pretender (who, in Rome, is called King of England) he relates, that when he was there (in the Year 1731) every Body's Mouth was full of a certain Prophecy; said to have been found among the Papers of the late Pope, and importing, that, in the Year 1734. he should be in peaceable Possession of the Throne of Great Britain. The Prophecy is as follows:

Dum Marcus cantabit Halleluja,
Et Antonius veni Creator,
Et Joannes Baptista canabit,
Tunc regnabit & triumphabit Rex in
Anglia Jacobus III.

That is,

When Easter falls on St. Mark's Day,
And Whitsunday on St. Anthony's,
And when St. John the Baptist's is a Sacrament-day,
Then King James III. shall reign and triumph in
England.

BUT as the Baron, above three Years since, durst not venture much Money on the fulfilling of this Prophecy, we may now say it is not worth a Farthing.

Naples, March 9. O. S.

THE King Don Carlos, who had before only signified in private his Catholick Majesty's Accession to the Preliminaries, declared it Yesterday in Publick to the chief Nobility assembled in his Antichamber, to whom he expressed himself in these Terms; I am now to acquaint you, that the King my Father, for the Sake of procuring Tranquility to Europe, has accepted the Preliminary Offers of Pacification. The Conclusion of the Peace will be published here without delay; a magnificent Habit being actually getting ready for the Herald at Arms who is to proclaim it. Mean time 'tis very pleasant to hear some People talk of the Variety of Manufactures, that are to be set up in the Kingdom, in spite of the Genius of this Nation, which was always averse to any such Establishments. 'Tis equally diverting to hear them talk of erecting a Company here to trade to the Levant, the East Indies, and America. But tho' 'tis certain they dream of a Commerce of that Kind, yet they are very secret in the Prosecution of it, for fear, say they, of giving Umbrage to any Potentate before the Conclusion of the Peace.

Leghorn, March 13. O. S. They write from the Isle of Corsica, that the Malecontents advancing towards St. Pellegrino, the Garison made a vigorous Sally upon them, and put them to Flight. The Duke de Montemar receives Couriers from Spain every Day, with Orders forthwith to evacuate the Dominions which the Emperor and the Duke of Lorain are to take Possession of by virtue of the Preliminaries.

L O N D O N.

Whitehall, April 9. On Tuesday Night last Mr. Bowie, who brought the Marriage Treaty between his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and her Highness the Princess Augusta, was sent back by the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, with his Majesty's Ratification thereof.

Last Saturday their Majesties, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Princesses, went to Richmond to Dinner, and afterwards viewed Merlin's Cave, and the new Works made in the Gardens, and in the Evening returned to St. James's.

Yesterday their Majesties, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the two eldest Princesses, went to the Royal Chapel at St. James's, and heard divine Service performed by the Lord Bishop of Hereford; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Harborough carried the Sword of State before his Majesty to and from Chapel.

Last Saturday Night the Right Hon. the Earl of Rockingham was married to Miss Furness, and Yesterday Morning they set out for his Seat at Lees Court in the County of Kent.

The same Night the Corpse of Miss Barber, Daughter of the late William Barber, Esq; by his Wife the Lady Katherine Sidney, youngest Sister to the Right Hon. the Earl of Leicester, was interred in the Vault of St. Ann's Church, Soho.

Last Monday died at his House at Cheese-hill, near the City of Winchester, Thomas Curtis, Esq; a Gentleman possessed of an Estate of 3000 l. per Annum.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lady Irwin, Relict of the late Lord Viscount Irwin, kiss'd her Majesty's Hand at St. James's, on her being appointed first Lady of the Bedchamber to her Highness the Princess of Saxe-Gotha, the intended Consort of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have sent Orders to the Commanders of the Yachts, and Men of War at the Nore, to sail on Monday next for Holland, to receive on board her Highness the Princess of Saxe-Gotha, who is expected at Helve-sluys the 28th Instant, O. S. where she will be complimented by their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Orange. 'Tis now assured, that according to the Ceremonial which has been settled, her Highness is to come to St. James's the same Day she lands, and that the Marriage will be performed that Evening in the Royal Chapel.

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John Maysey, of Radcott, in the County of Oxford, Factor and Chapman.

John Mannowry, of London, Merchant and Mariner.

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John Pickering, of the Parish of St. Clement Danes, in the Liberty of Westminster, and County of Middlesex, Taylor and Chapman.

Peter Sejourne, late of Thames-street, London, Woodmonger and Dealer in Coals.

Isaac Grundy, of the Parish of St. Mary le Bone, in the County of Middlesex, Mason.

Peter Lortie (otherwise Nettle) the Elder, of Spittlefields, in the County of Middlesex, Weaver.

Saturday Bank Stock was 150 3-4ths for the Opening. India 174. South Sea 97 3-4ths. Old Annuity 112 to 1-8th for the Opening. New ditto, 110 1-half to 5-8ths. Three per Cent. 104. Emperor's Loan 115 3-4ths. Royal Assurance 106 3-4ths. London Assurance 14 for the Opening. York Buildings 2. African 10. India Bonds 61. to 61. 2s. Premium. Three per Cent. ditto 51. 1s. Premium. S. Sea Bonds 51. 11s. Premium. New Bank Circulation 61. 15s. Premium. Salt Tallies 4 to 5 1-half Prem. English Copper 21. 4s. Welsh ditto, no Price. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 6 per Cent. Premium. Million Bank 115.

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